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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commandant, Marine Corps

SUBJECT : Comments on CIA Special Estimate No. 29,  
18 June 1952

REFERENCE : Memorandum From Commandant of the Marine  
Corps to the Director of Central Intelli-  
gence, Dated 18 August 1952, Subject As  
Above

1. Your comments respecting paragraph 2 of Special  
Estimate No. 29 are greatly appreciated.

2. I have requested the Office of National Estimates  
to secure a re-estimate by the Military Services on that  
paragraph in the light of your comments, since the conclu-  
sions expressed therein were based upon Service contribu-  
tions. In so doing, I shall inform them of your offer to  
make one of your Staff Officers available for consultation.

3. I, myself, as you know, am not without experience  
in planning and conducting large scale amphibious opera-  
tions, but I did not attempt to interject my personal ideas  
on a matter regarding which the views of the Military  
Services appeared to coincide. My own opinion, however, is  
that it would take a "little" longer than the estimate indicates.

SIGNED:

Walter D. Smith  
Director

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